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TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, BL

SUBJECT: GULF BRIBERY CHARGES

1. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WERE PREPARED FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT'S MAY 9 PRESS BRIEFING FOR USE ON AN "IF ASKED"  
BASIS.

2. QUESTION: CAN THE DEPARTMENT SHED ANY LIGHT ON SPECULATION THAT BOLIVIA MAY BE THE COUNTRY INVOLVED IN THE REPORTED \$4.2 MILLION PAY-OFF WHICH THE GULF OIL COMPANY HAS INDICATED IT MADE TO AN UNIDENTIFIED GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATIONS THERE?

ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT GULF HAS INFORMED THE GOB THAT THE MATTER IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THAT GULF WILL MAKE THE FACTS KNOWN TO THE GOB AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS PROCEDURE WILL CLARIFY THE SITUATION.

3. QUESTION: HAS THE GOB BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE USG?

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ANSWER: YES, WE WERE ASKED FOR OUR COOPERATION YESTERDAY

BEFORE GULF RESPONDED. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THIS IS A

MATTER WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF  
BOLIVIA AND GULF OIL.

4. QUESTION: HAS THE DEPARTMENT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE  
GULF OFFICIALS?

ANSWER: WE WERE INFORMED BY COMPANY OFFICIALS OF THE  
INTERIM RESPONSE WHICH WAS RELEASED THIS MORNING TO THE  
BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST THAT ANY FACTS RELATING TO  
BOLIVIA BE MADE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY. KISSINGER

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